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JEROME GETS NEW EVIDENCE AGAINST FLORENCE BURNS.

Two Witnesses Said to Have Seen Girl of Her Description Entering Hotel with Walter Brooks—Alibi and Suicide Theory May Prove Her Innocent of Murder Charge.

New evidence confirmatory of the theory that Florence Burns went to the Glen Island Hotel with Walter Brooks last Friday evening is said to have been gathered by the District-Attorney this afternoon from two mysterious witnesses.

They were examined and smuggled out of the Criminal Courts Building. It is impossible to learn their names. Rumor has it that these men saw young Brooks, whom they knew, and a woman bearing a striking resemblance to Florence Burns in the vicinity of the Glen Island Hotel about 9 o'clock on the night of the tragedy. They are said to have registered at the hotel at 9:40 o'clock.

The mysterious "Harry Williams," of whom so much was expected in the direction of clearing up the mystery, was found by detectives this afternoon and taken to the District-Attorney's office, where he was examined. In so far as his testimony tended to shed light on the cause of the death of Walter Brooks, it was very disappointing. "Williams" is

BOND WAS AN UNLUCKY FIND.

Policeman Cregan Did Not Report It to His Superiors.

THOUGHT IT FERRY TICKET.

Now Censured for Failing to Tell of Stolen Goods' Discovery.

Policeman Cregan, of the Old Slip station, while walking his beat in South street on Feb. 15, found an engraved sheet of paper with perforated coupons. He thought it was a sheet of ferry tickets until he showed it to Policeman W. J. Powers, of the same station. Powers, who walks a beat in Wall street and knows all about finance, declared it to be a \$1,000 5 per cent. bond of the New England Cotton Yarn Co., which it was.

"It is worth anything," said Cregan. "I'll find out for you," said Powers. Detective Sergeant John O'Brien was down in Wall street to-day when he was approached by Powers, who asked him to find out what the bond was worth. O'Brien remembered that similar bonds had been stolen in a robbery in 1871 River on Feb. 15, and consulting his list, found that this bond was one of the pieces of stolen property. Upon hearing the story of it from Powers he took Cregan to headquarters.

The matter was referred to the District-Attorney, who said that no criminal charge could arise against Cregan. Then, by direction of the Commissioner, poor Cregan, who has an excellent record, was reported to Inspector Cross for failing to report recovered stolen property. O'Brien took charge of the bond and probably will get a reward for returning it to the firm that was robbed in Fall River.

VERY LATEST NEWS IN BRIEFEST FORM.

GIRL OF TWELVE SAVES CRIPPLED SISTER.

Rachel Bandier, four years old, a hunchback, this afternoon set fire to a mattress in her home, No. 366 Broome street. Her sister Mary, twelve years old, rescued her, and the fire was put out with about \$50 damage. The burning upholstery was between the children and the door, but little Mary caught up her crippled sister and carried her past the flames out into the hallway. Leaving her on the first floor Mary then ran out and told Policeman Monahan, who lives in the house. Monahan summoned the firemen, who soon extinguished the flames.

HORSE AND RIDER HIT BY CAR.

Frank Samford, twenty year old, of No. 53 Vernon avenue, Long Island City, was riding a horse through West Forty second street this afternoon, and in front of No. 553 was hit by a crosstown car. The horse and rider was knocked down and the horse stepped on Samford's right foot and fractured three toes.

DROPPED DEAD IN A HOTEL.

A man named Cromwell, said to be a member of the firm of J. Cromwell & Co., fruit importers in Fulton street, dropped dead from apoplexy about 5 o'clock this afternoon in Smith & McNeil's Hotel. His body was taken to the Church street station.

REPORTS HUSBAND AS MISSING.

Mrs. Marie Higgins has asked the police of this city to look for her husband, James, who has been missing from his home at No. 426 East Thirtieth street since Feb. 18. He is forty-five years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 190 pounds and has blue eyes and black mustache. When he left home he wore a brown overcoat and a black derby hat.

HARTLEY WILL PROVEN.

George W. Hebard, the executor, and young Marcellus Hartley Dodge, called at the Surrogate's office late this afternoon, and formal proof of the will of the late multi-millionaire, was made. The subscribing witnesses, Louis Keller and W. O. Ross, testified formally to the execution of the will. It was too late to secure the affirmation of Surrogate Fitzgerald.

LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Fifth Race—Strangest 1. Henry of Franstamar 2. Trebor.

HERE COMES ANOTHER STORM.

The following message was received to-day at the local Weather Bureau office:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20, 1902. "Observer, New York. Hoist northeast storm warning 3 P. M.; Baltimore, Breakwater, Reedy Island, Port Norris, Cape May, Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Sandy Hook, New York. Storm central on West Florida coast, moving northeast by east. Strong northeast wind will prevail along the Virginia and Carolina coast to-night, and along the Middle Atlantic coast on Friday."

DEMANDS THAT WILL BE FILED.

Augusta Mildeberger, of Central Park West and Seventy-fifth street, filed a petition this afternoon asking that the will of Leonora di Vivo be admitted to probate. She says that Leonora di Vivo, who died at No. 48 West Ninety-first street Jan. 31, made a will in December, 1901, naming her as a legatee, but that the will is held by a brother, Constantino di Vivo, who lives at No. 68 West Ninety-first street.

THEATRE STOOLS NOT OBSTRUCTIONS.

A suit brought by Fire Commissioner Sturgis to recover from the American Theatre penalties for obstructing the aisles, was to-day decided by Justice Murray, in the Tenth Municipal District Court, in favor of the defendants. The contention of the Fire Commissioner was that inasmuch as defendants obstructed the aisle aisles with automatic stools they were guilty of violating the charter.

FIRST AID TO A WOUNDED HEART.

Hyman Schereshefsky was landed in Ludlow Street Jail this afternoon because he could not give \$250 bail in the suit of fair Yetta Moskowitz for \$10,000 damages to her affections by his breach of promise to make her a bride last Christmas.

ANOTHER STOKES PICTURE SOUGHT.

The Sheriff to-day received a writ of replevin for \$1,500 against a painting (the Merie), in possession of the Manhattan Storage and Warehouse Company, in a suit brought by Rose L. Barclay to establish the ownership of the painting.

M'AUULIFFE MYSTERY ENDS.

District-Attorney Satisfied Glennon Witness Was Not Murdered.

PERHAPS HIT BY A CAR

Police Report Does Not Account for Him Between 9:10 and 9:40 Sunday Morning.

Assistant District-Attorney Lord, of the Homicide Bureau, who has been investigating the death of James McAuliffe, reported this afternoon that it was undoubtedly due to an accident. The same report was made by Capt. Titus, of the Central Office. District-Attorney Jerome has discontinued his investigation and the Central Office men have been called off.

The prevalent opinion, after careful examination, is that McAuliffe was struck by a truck at Sunday morning a few moments before he was found at Forty-ninth street and Sixth avenue. The street was practically deserted at the time, and the theory goes on to infer that the motorman and conductor pushed the injured man to the sidewalk and left him there. He was discovered very shortly and policemen were summoned.

It has been learned that when McAuliffe left the West Side Police Court he had 12 cents in his pocket. A short time before he was picked up, battered and smashed, from the sidewalk, he entered a saloon at Fifth street and Sixth avenue, tendered a dime and asked for a drink. The bartender refused him and he went away.

The supposition is that he got this drink, for but one cent was in his pocket when he was picked up. He had eaten no breakfast, had been intoxicated the night before, and the police think that this morning drink befuddled him as he was crossing the avenue and resulted in his being run down by a street car.

Mr. Lord says that inquiry in the neighborhood of McAuliffe's home shows that he had been drinking heavily for some time previous to his death.

This was in flat contradiction to the testimony of Mrs. McAuliffe, who swears that her husband seldom took a drink. It is known, however, that he was intoxicated last Saturday night at 8:30 o'clock, when he borrowed five cents for carfare from Mrs. Ryan, a grocery keeper in Eleventh avenue.

Capt. Donohue, of the West Forty-seventh street police station, reported to Commissioner Partridge to-day the reason why he did not make public until last night the fact that McAuliffe was arrested for intoxication Saturday evening and locked up until Sunday morning. He said that neither he nor his men connected the McAuliffe who was found dying on the street with the McAuliffe who had been arrested the night before until yesterday.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending 8 P. M. Feb. 21, for New York City and vicinity—Fair to-night, probably snow Friday; variable winds, mostly fresh northerly.

TAFT IS ACCUSED BY U. S. SENATOR.

CHARGED WITH MISREPRESENTING PHILIPPINES.

Patterson, of Colorado, Says Governor Has "Motive" for Statements He Has Made.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Senator Patterson, of Colorado, in a speech in the Senate this afternoon on the Philippines, accused Gov. Taft of having motives for misrepresenting the conditions.

"The statements of the War Department," he asserted after reading from some documents, "brand as slanders most of those made by Gov. Taft about the Philippines' character and abilities."

Gov. Taft had been charged that they were a cruel, idle, shiftless and as unfit for governmental self-control.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Foraker, who said he wanted clearly to understand the statement, Mr. Patterson reiterated his statement that Gov. Taft had motives for misrepresentation and that he had misrepresented the situation in the archipelago was his deliberate judgment.

Through Sunday Trains to Atlantic City. Via Pennsylvania Railroad, beginning Sunday, Feb. 23, leave West 23d st. Boulders, 7:30 A. M.; Atlantic City, 11:00 A. M.; returning, leave Atlantic City 5:30 P. M.; arrive New York 8:45 P. M. Pullman parlor cars, Pullman parlor sleeping car, dining car and coach. Stops at Newark, Elizabeth and Trenton.

VALET'S DRAMATIC STORY OF RICE'S DEATH BY POISON.

"I Poured Chloroform in a Towel Folded Cone Shape," Said Jones, "and Put It Over His Face. Then I Ran Out of the Room." In Twenty Minutes the Millionaire was Dead.

The most dramatic feature of the Patrick trial was reached this afternoon when Valet Jones told how he had put Millionaire William M. Rice to death. This part of the story came after Jones testified that he had given Rice mercurial pills at the instigation of Patrick. He had gone to meet Patrick and told him Rice was sleeping. Jones said in his testimony:

"I told him that Mr. Rice was sleeping. He said: 'Now, Jones, everything is going on fine, but Rice has to be put out of the way.' I went on to say that he was a man of family and that I ought to put the old man out of the way. I finally consented and went home and made a cone out of a towel. I poured some chloroform into it and when it was saturated I went into Rice's room, put it over his face and ran out.

"Patrick had told me to leave it come over his face for twenty minutes."

Burned the Towel.

"While I was waiting, the bell rang violently. I looked out and saw two ladies. I did not answer the bell. After the twenty minutes I returned to the room. Mr. Rice was in the same position. I took the towel off his face and burned it in the kitchen stove.

"I telephoned Patrick that Rice was very sick, for he had warned me not to say he was dead. He said he did not want to be in the house until Dr. Curry was there and I was to light the gas in the front room to let him know when the Doctor arrived. I sent for Dr. Curry. He returned in company with Patrick twenty minutes later.

"The Doctor said: 'How is Rice?' 'He's dead,' I said.

"'Oh, my God,' said Patrick, 'that's the worst thing that could have happened to me.'"

Jones then described how Dr. Curry examined the body and pronounced the death as a fact. Then came the arrangement for the undertaker, and Dr. Curry's expression

HAD TO DRAG HER CHILD FROM HER.

MOTHER LOVE CAUSED MRS. ROBSON TO DEFEY COURT.

Father Had Been Awarded Custody of Little Girl, but Woman Resisted.

With courage born of mother love, a young woman openly defied the Supreme Court in Brooklyn this afternoon to take her child away.

The woman was Mrs. Annie W. Robson, of Seventh avenue and Eleventh street, Brooklyn, whose husband, Charles A. was recently granted a divorce and custody of their six-year-old child.

The mother steadfastly refused to give up her child, and the father obtained a writ from Justice Dickey, returnable to-day.

When Justice Dickey ordered the woman to give up the little girl she refused, and started from the court-room. The justice then ordered the court officers to take the child away. It took the combined efforts of three policemen to carry out the Court's instructions.

The little girl was handed over to Robson, who ran out of the court-house. The mother ran screaming after them, but Robson boarded a Fulton street car and got away. A great crowd was attracted to the scene.

DIED IN POVERTY, BUT ASKED NO AID.

RICH RELATIVES MIGHT HAVE HELPED STURGESS.

Living Member of Family Buried with Kinship in Cemetery at Birthplace.

(Special to The Evening World.)
NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 20.—The hearing of the appeal of Thomas G. Barker from his conviction for the shooting of Rev. John Keller, at Arlington, N. J., was begun this afternoon before the main branch of the Supreme Court.

Justices Van Sickle, Garrison and Garmon were on the bench. There was a large gathering in the court-room and much interest was shown in the proceedings.

Samuel Kalineh, who appeared for Barker, argued that testimony concerning his client's mental condition at the time of the shooting was wrongfully excluded at the trial in Jersey City.

Barker is now serving a sentence of seven years in the State Prison here. It was alleged that he shot Mr. Keller because he had been informed that the minister had ill-treated Mrs. Barker, his wife.

James S. Erwin, prosecutor of Hudson County, appeared for the State. One hundred and two exceptions were taken by the defense to the rulings of Judge Blane during the progress of the case in the trial court, and it is on these that the writ of error is being tried. It is considered probable that there will be no final decision in the case until next June.

MARTIAL LAW NOW THROUGHOUT SPAIN.

RIOTS PRECIPITATE A GRAVE NATIONAL CRISIS.

Weyler Confers with Queen and Holds Troops Ready-Fighting in Barcelona.

MADRID, Feb. 20.—Premier Sagasta is preparing a decree establishing martial law throughout Spain. The signature of the decree, it is believed, will be followed by an extreme national crisis.

It was said when the Chamber of Deputies closed this evening, that Gen. Weyler, Minister of War, had a long conference with the Queen Regent, following with the military authorities to-day. Subsequently, arms and ball cartridges were served out to the troops in Madrid, who are in readiness to start at a moment's notice.

CERBERE, Spain, Feb. 20.—P. M.—Serious fighting is proceeding in all parts of Barcelona. A number of persons have already been killed or wounded.

Troops are arriving rapidly at Barcelona from all other districts.

A mob stormed the Arsenal at Sabadell, not far from Barcelona, and secured forty rifles. They were subsequently recovered by the troops.

The strikers to-day murdered three workmen who wished to resume work.

The proprietor of a bakery who raised the price of bread was also killed. It is hourly becoming more apparent that anarchists are the prime movers in the insipient revolution.

The markets are without provisions and the strikers are protesting the slaughter of animals. Additional reinforcements of troops are arriving here.

There was fighting to-day at Tarrasa, fifteen miles from here.

RUSH TO SEE MRS. CAMPBELL

Advance Sale Largest in History of Harlem Opera-House.

The advance sale of seats for the engagement of Mrs. "Pat" Campbell at the Harlem Opera-House next week is the largest in the history of the house.

The sale began this morning, and from 7 o'clock until late in the afternoon the line of people reached from the box-office to Seventh avenue and around the avenue half way to One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street.

Manager Lichtenstein had to send to the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street station for a detail of police to keep the crowd in line.

JUSTICE GRAY ILL.

Member of the Supreme Court Has a Paralytic Stroke.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Justice Horace Gray, of the Supreme Court, but it is said there is every reason to expect his recovery.

Justice Gray is seventy-four years old. His mind is clear, but he has lost muscular control of a part of his body.

BURIED A WEEK IN CITY'S RUINS.

EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS ARE TAKEN OUT ALIVE.

Survived Disaster that Destroyed Russian Town and Killed 2,000 of Its People.

BAKU, Transcaucasia, Feb. 20.—During the course of the search to-day for bodies of victims of the recent earthquake at Shamakha, which is said to have resulted in the loss of about 2,000 lives, thirty-two persons were taken out alive.

The rescued persons have been in the ruins about a week.

TO-NIGHT'S EVENTS.

Dog show at Madison Square Garden.

Delaware Society dinner.

Waldorf-Astoria.

Annual dinner of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, Waldorf-Astoria.

Republican County Committee meeting.

Kings County Republican Executive Committee.

Celebration of seventy-fifth anniversary of St. James's Lutheran Church.

Celebration of Victor Hugo Centenary, Alliance Francaise, at Berkeley Lyceum.

Alexander Hamilton Post, G. A. R., lecture by Gen. V. M. Curtis, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Lexington avenue.

Mass-meeting of young men of Baptist Churches, Mount Morris Baptist Church.

New York Academy of Medicine, No. 17 West Forty-third street.

People's Institute lecture by John Brooks Levitt, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Lexington avenue.

New York Caledonian Club, annual ball, Murray Hill Lyceum.

Annual dinner of New York Society of Accountants and Bookkeepers, St. Denis Hotel.

The American Institute, Nos. 19 and 21 West Forty-fourth street, "Engineers' Slide Rule."

Hall of Gehrder Freundshaftebund, Lexington Opera-House.

Hall of Olympic Lodge, No. 80, Knights of Pythias, Lexington Assembly Rooms.

READY TO MARRY, HE FACED PISTOL.

BROKER GAVE PLEDGE, BUT HAD TO BREAK IT.

Ex-Guardian Wanted to Rule Him After Marriage and Bride-to-Be Objected.

Louis A. Prosser, a teacher, twenty-nine years old, was placed under \$100 bonds by Magistrate Lazarus, in Bayonne, N. J., to-day on complaint of Morgan D. Evans, twenty-two, a broker, who said that the teacher had threatened him.

Evans, who attained his majority a year ago, inherited considerable money left by his father, Prosser, was his guardian until that time, and the two lived at a fashionable boarding-house, kept by a Mrs. Hamer, at No. 23 Linden street, Bayonne.

Evans said in court to-day that when he announced a few days ago that he was going to get married, Prosser was objecting, and finally failing to make the young broker reconsider his intentions, pulled out a revolver and forced him to his knees.

Then the teacher, according to Evans, made him promise that he would, with his wife, continue to live with Prosser.

The bride-to-be, who is a New York girl, rebelled against this proposition and Evans, in a dilemma, went to Prosser and told him he could not keep his pledge.

According to the broker, the teacher stormed and threatened him so much that, fearing him, he went to court, on the ground that he was a minor.

Prosser denied to the Magistrate that he intended to harm the young man, but he was compelled to furnish a bond.